

SECTION: CERTIFICATION

SUBJECT: Eligibility Requirement

ITEM: *Infants and Children: Anthropometric*



Policy Participants determined eligible for program benefits based on anthropometric risk shall meet one or more of the criteria listed below. Refer to WPM Section 230-10 for more information regarding the priority ranks.

Basis for policy 7 CFR 246.7 (e)

Anthropometric criteria The table below indicates the anthropometric criteria to assess the nutritional needs of infants and children. The priority levels are indicated for infants/children and the ISIS code number and corresponding USDA risk code is provided in the far left column for reference. Please see the “WIC Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 5, Nutrition Risk Criteria” for more detail regarding the USDA risk codes.

ISIS CODE AND (USDA CODE)	RISK CONDITION/INDICATOR OF NUTRITIONAL NEED	PRIORITY FOR INFANTS	PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN
A10 (103)	Underweight: <5 th percentile (under 24 months use weight for length or height; 24 months or older use BMI-for-age), based on National Center Health Statistics/CDC (2000) age/sex specific growth charts	I	III
A11 (103)	At Risk of Underweight: 5 th to 10 th percentile (under 24 months use weight for length or height; 24 months or older use BMI-for-age), based on National Center Health Statistics/CDC age/sex specific growth charts	I	III
A24 (113)	Overweight: ≥ 95 th percentile (BMI-for-age), based on National Center Health Statistics/CDC age/sex specific growth charts for children 24 months or older	N/A	III

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A26 (114)	At Risk of Overweight: $\geq 85^{\text{th}}$ percentile and $< 95^{\text{th}}$ percentile (BMI-for-age) for children ≥ 24 months of age	N/A	III ≥ 24 months
A27 (114)	At Risk of Overweight: under 12 months of age and born to a woman who was obese* (BMI ≥ 30) at conception or at any point in the 1 st trimester	I	N/A
A28 (114)	At Risk of Overweight: 12 months of age or older with a biological mother who is obese* (BMI ≥ 30) at certification	N/A	III
A29 (114)	At Risk of Overweight: infant or child with a biological father who is obese* (BMI ≥ 30) at certification	I	III
A25 (152)	Low Head Circumference: $< 5^{\text{th}}$ percentile, based on National Center for Health Statistics/CDC growth charts	I	N/A
A31 (121)	Short Stature: $\leq 10^{\text{th}}$ percentile (height for age), based on National Center for Health Statistics/CDC growth charts	I	III
A50 (141)	Low Birth Weight: ≤ 5 lbs. 8 oz. or ≤ 2500 g, for infants and children under 24 months of age	I	III < 24 months
A51 (142)	Preterm Birth: ≤ 37 weeks gestation	I	N/A
A61 (135)	Inadequate Growth for Infants birth to 6 months of age: 1. Birth to 1 month: excessive weight loss after birth and/or not back to birth weight by 2 weeks of age 2. Birth to 6 months of age: Based on 2 weights taken at least 1	I	N/A

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A91** (153)	Large for Gestational Age (LGA): Birth weight \geq 9 lbs. (\geq 4000 g) or \geq 90 th percentile weight for gestational age based on accepted intrauterine growth reference	I	N/A														
A92** (151)	Small for Gestational Age (SGA): $<$ 10 th percentile weight for gestational age at birth, for infants and children under 24 months, based on accepted intrauterine growth reference	I	III under 24 months														

NOTE: ISIS calculates BMI-for-age (for children 24 months of age or older) using stature (standing height).

See **WIC Appendix 970-80** for height and weight conversion charts, **WIC**

Appendix 970-90 for the National Center Health Statistics/CDC growth charts, and **WIC Appendix 970-200** for the **“Abbreviated Body Mass Index (BMI) Table” to determine parental obesity (BMI \geq 30).

See **WIC Appendix 950**, “CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines,” Appendix E: “Equipment Guide for Measuring and Weighing,” for minimum criteria for equipment used to obtain length/height and weight measurements.

**Condition diagnosed by a physician and self-reported by the applicant, participant, or caregiver.